THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The UNICEF report captioned "State of the World's children 2006" is an annual publication commenting on status of the World's children, particularly with respect to the internationally notified Millennium Development Goals. It gives data on respective countries. Government of India is addressing the educational requirements of children in the 6-14 years age group through several Centrally-sponsored programmes like the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Mid Day Meal Scheme.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Funds for economic development of NER

555. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds release/utilised under the various schemes and programmes implemented by this Ministry for economic development of the North-Eastern Region during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and Scheme-wise; and

(b) the details and current status of proposals pertaining to NER pending with Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) (i) The details of funds released by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Plan Scheme	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)	550.00	650.00	679.17
North Eastern Council (NEC)	499.86	498.72	458.54
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Lt. (NEDFI)	15.40	24.50	22.33
Advocacy & Publicity	2.00	1.92	4.71
Capacity Building	2.00	2.70	7.92
Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC)	0.50	0.50	0.00
TOTAL:	1069.76	1178.34	1172.67

(ii) The details of State-wise release of funds under NLCPR and NEC during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	NLCPR			NEC		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Arunachal Pradesh	61.19	39.43	83.96	41.16	33.31	48.92
2	Assam	113.94	249.07	219.11	154.63	122.92	84.33
3	Manipur	18.05	58.98	44.85	11.35	20.10	19.27
4	Maghalaya	49.99	21.71	27.50	16.07	21.94	27.95
5	Mizoram	99.55	42.38	41.04	24.15	50.62	42.21
6	Nagaland	84.17	73.06	97.95	32.45	20.92	25.18
7	Sikkim	53.24	59.75	53.21	13.66	23.98	15.86
8	Tripura	69.87	105.62	111.55	28.81	30.58	25.93

State-wise releases are not made as far as the other Schemes are concerned.

(b) The number of retained proposals under NLCPR in the form of Detailed Project Reports pending with the Ministry of DoNER, other Central Ministries and State Government are 14,44 and 78 respectively, Under NEC, 3 proposals are pending with the Government for EFC clearance.

Socio-economic development of NER

556. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified specified 'thrust areas' for the socio-economic development of North Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for the development of road and railway network in this region;

(d) whether Government have also any specific strategy to develop domistic and international tourism in this region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;